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*Dear Producers and Data Users:*

*Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.*

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## Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

As of June 1, Nebraska corn growers planted 8.4 million acres in 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2003. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 69 percent of the planted acreage, up from 60 percent last year and the second highest among major corn producing states. Nebraska soybean producers planted 5.0 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The 2005 plantings are the highest of record, 1 percent above the record high of 4.95 million set in 2001. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.8 million acres, down 50,000 acres from 2004.

Sorghum growers planted 390,000 acres, 29 percent less than 2004 and lowest since 1952. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 1.2 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year and the smallest since 1948. Oat seedings, at 150,000 acres, are up 7 percent from 2004. Dry edible bean producers planted 180,000 acres, up 50 percent from a year earlier. Proso millet plantings, at 120,000 acres, are down 25 percent from 2004. Sunflower acreage of 101,000 is up 45,000 acres from a year ago. Sugar beet plantings of 49,000 acres are down 2 percent from 2004.

### Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2005

Crop	Nebraska				United States			
	2003	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2003	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Planted Acreage								
Corn	8,100	8,250	8,400	102	78,603	80,930	81,592	101
Soybeans	4,550	4,800	5,000	104	73,404	75,208	73,303	97
Sorghum	660	550	390	71	9,420	7,486	7,013	94
Oats	220	140	150	107	4,597	4,085	4,340	106
Proso Millet	200	160	120	75	730	710	590	83
Dry Beans	155	120	180	150	1,406.1	1,354.3	1,674.0	124
Sugar Beets	45.3	49.8	49.0	98	1,365.4	1,345.9	1,284.6	95
Winter Wheat	1,900	1,850	1,800	97	45,384	43,350	41,408	96
Sunflower - Oil	51	36	55	153	1,998	1,533	2,176	142
- Non-oil	15	20	46	230	346	340	538	158
- All	66	56	101	180	2,344	1,873	2,714	145
Acres for Harvest <sup>1</sup>								
Corn	7,700	7,950	8,100	102	70,944	73,632	74,368	101
Soybeans	4,490	4,750	4,950	104	72,476	73,958	72,384	98
Sorghum	500	415	270	65	7,798	6,517	6,030	93
Oats for Grain	90	55	60	109	2,220	1,792	1,976	110
Proso Millet	170	135	<sup>2</sup>		620	595	<sup>2</sup>	
Dry Beans	148	110	170	155	1,346.9	1,219.3	1,567.4	129
Sugar Beets	42.4	47.5	45.6	96	1,347.8	1,306.9	1,257.5	96
All Hay	3,150	2,800	2,750	98	63,383	61,916	61,723	100
Winter Wheat	1,820	1,650	1,700	103	36,753	34,462	34,271	99
Sunflower - Oil	48	35	53	151	1,874	1,424	2,076	146
- Non-oil	14	18	44	244	323	287	508	177
- All	62	53	97	183	2,197	1,711	2,584	151

<sup>1</sup>Forecasted. <sup>2</sup> Estimates to be released January 2006 in Annual Crop Production Summary.  
Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 30, 2005.

## Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2005 totaled 511 million bushels, up 49 percent from June 1, 2004. This is the highest June 1 stocks level since 1989. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 44.6 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2005 totaled 16.1 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2005, totaled 4.32 billion bushels, up 45 percent from June 1, 2004. This is the highest June 1 stocks level since 1988. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 700 million bushels, up 70 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2005, totaled 540 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago.

### Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2005

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2003	June 1, 2004	June 1, 2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	June 1, 2003	June 1, 2004	June 1, 2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	165,000	160,000	290,000	181	1,620,200	1,540,000	2,462,300	160
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	192,495	181,955	221,217	122	1,364,718	1,430,140	1,857,657	130
Total	357,495	341,955	511,217	149	2,984,918	2,970,140	4,319,957	145
All Wheat								
On Farms	3,200	2,700	1,600	59	132,110	131,880	161,275	122
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	13,551	16,650	14,467	87	359,306	414,559	378,566	91
Total	16,751	19,350	16,067	83	491,416	546,439	539,841	99
Soybeans								
On Farms	14,500	8,300	17,500	211	272,500	110,000	356,100	324
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	24,108	30,878	27,143	88	329,862	300,604	343,544	114
Total	38,608	39,178	44,643	114	602,362	410,604	699,644	170
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,300	1,700	2,600	153	11,150	7,650	16,000	209
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	12,205	10,026	9,966	99	70,744	72,944	88,369	121
Total	14,505	11,726	12,566	107	81,894	80,594	104,369	129
Oats								
On Farms	400 <sub>2</sub>	1,100 <sub>2</sub>	550 <sub>2</sub>	50	20,600	27,500	25,350	92
Off Farms <sup>1</sup>					29,233	37,348	32,613	87
Total	<sub>2</sub>	<sub>2</sub>	<sub>2</sub>		49,833	64,848	57,963	89

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 30, 2005.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jun 2004 <sup>1</sup>	May 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 15, 2005	Jun 2004 <sup>1</sup>	May 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 15, 2005	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$3.56	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.10	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.17	31	\$10.30
Corn	Bushels	2.82	1.93	2.00	2.79	1.99	2.01	29	6.90
Oats	Bushels	1.70	1.66	1.70	1.61	1.64	1.56	38	4.10
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	4.64	3.15	3.25	4.58	3.06	3.40	30	11.30
Soybeans	Bushels	9.03	6.16	6.60	9.08	6.20	6.72	40	16.70
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	49.00	48.00	47.00	95.20	107.00	102.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	49.00	48.00	47.00	102.00	116.00	112.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	48.00	46.00	46.00	76.90	76.10	73.60		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.40	23.00	23.10	20.00	31.90	25.10	48	52.30
Hogs	Cwt.	57.80	56.00	51.20	56.70	54.90	51.00	46	111.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	58.00	56.30	51.40	57.20	55.40	51.30		
Sows	Cwt.	47.40	40.50	42.30	46.50	42.60	44.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	91.90	94.20	90.10	89.80	92.40	89.50	50	179.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	93.00	95.20	91.00	93.80	96.40	93.10		
Cows	Cwt.	56.80	62.70	62.20	53.70	58.50	57.30		
Calves	Cwt.	134.00	148.00	148.00	125.00	141.00	140.00	58	243.00
Sheep	Cwt.	34.10	37.90		31.30	44.50			87.60
Lambs	Cwt.	107.00	113.00		105.00	115.00			217.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for June 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, June 29, 2005.

## Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005, was 2.75 million head. This was 4 percent below June 1, 2004 but unchanged from March 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 355,000 head, was down 1 percent from June 1, 2004 but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.4 million head, was 4 percent below last year but unchanged from last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 60.8 million head on June 1, 2005. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004, and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

### Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2004-2005

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	2,850	2,750	96	60,698	60,812	100
Breeding	360	355	99	5,937	5,977	101
Market	2,490	2,395	96	54,760	54,834	100
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	980	960	98	20,292	20,223	100
60-119 pounds	660	610	92	13,500	13,456	100
120-179 pounds	460	470	102	11,256	11,343	101
180 pounds and over	390	355	91	9,714	9,813	101
Sows Farrowing						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	175	175	100	2,836	2,851	101
March-May	175	175	100	2,870	2,870	100
June-August	175	175 <sup>2</sup>	100	2,905	2,902 <sup>2</sup>	100
September-November	170	175 <sup>2</sup>	103	2,888	2,880 <sup>2</sup>	100
Total Sows Farrowing <sup>3</sup>	695	700	101	11,499	11,503	100
Pig Crop						
December-February <sup>1</sup>	1,558	1,575	101	25,105	25,489	102
March-May	1,558	1,584	102	25,633	25,884	101
June-August	1,558			26,162		
September-November	1,530			25,881		
Total Pig Crop <sup>3</sup>	6,204			102,781		

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions.

<sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding.

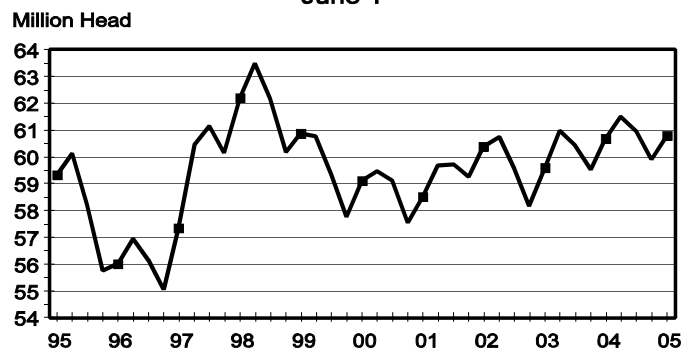
Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 24, 2005.

### June 1 Hog Report Highlights

- \* U.S. inventory up slightly from June 2004. Expectations of private forecasters averaged 101 percent of the previous year with a range of 100.0 percent to 101.0 percent.
- \* Market hogs were up slightly from a year earlier. Private forecasters' expectations ranged from 100.0 percent to 101.0 percent with an average of 101 percent.
- \* Breeding herd was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Expectations of private forecasters ranged from 100.0 percent to 102.0 percent with an average of 101 percent.
- \* U.S. March-May pig crop was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Analysts expected the pig crop to be up 1 percent from the previous year; estimates ranged from 100.3 percent to 101.2 percent.
- \* June-August intentions are down slightly from actual farrowings a year earlier. September-November intentions are down slightly from the previous years actual farrowings.

- \* Commercial hog slaughter during March-May at 25.4 million head was 1 percent above a year earlier. Live hog imports were 1.9 million head, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Total exports decreased to 27,000 head, compared to 37,000 a year ago.

### U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory June 1



## Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2005 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2005 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	May 2005 Percent of	
		May 2004	Apr 2005

*1,000 Head*

#### Nebraska

Cattle, head	634.2	103	117
Hogs, head	557.7	110	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	600.8	107	112

#### United States

Cattle, head	2,792.1	98	109
Calves, head	58.5	90	95
Hogs, head	8,030.2	106	95
Sheep & Lambs, head	208.0	110	94
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,714.4	103	103

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 24, 2005.

## Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 2005 Percent of	
		May 2004	Apr 2005

*1,000 Lbs.*

Total red meats	849,829	102	93
Beef	318,798	79	97
Pork	513,276	124	91
Poultry	1,134,890	91	100
Turkey	470,099	82	106
Chicken	664,339	99	96

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 22, 2005.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2005 with Comparisons

Item	2004	2005	2005/2004

*Millions*      *Percent*

Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.9	103
United States	342.8	342.2	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	266	277	104
United States	6,393	6,430	101
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	38.3	37.4	98
Broiler	810.5	823.4	102

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 21, 2005.



## Thanks !



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Thank you to the many Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the USDA NASS midyear surveys. This publication highlights the results of those efforts. This basic supply data on crop acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventories is a significant piece of the information grain and livestock buyers and sellers utilize to ensure fair, efficient markets, reducing overall price volatility.

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